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## MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA

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### Press Release

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#### WTI CONDUCTS NEO AT KIWANIS PARK

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (October 12, 2015) – Students and instructors participating in Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) course 1-16 are scheduled to conduct a non-combatant evacuation exercise (NEO) in Yuma, Arizona, October 16.

WTI students will execute the scenario-based NEO exercise at Kiwanis Park as part of certification and preparation for incidents that require a quick reaction force to extract personnel from hostile situations.

Media who would like interviews are invited to attend a press briefing with Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One leadership, October 14. They will answer questions pertaining to the exercise, WTI training and its contribution to current and future Marine Corps operations. Due to the fast tempo of the exercise, all questions must be asked during this time. There will be no additional opportunities for follow-on interviews after the conclusion of the briefing.

**Media who wish to attend the press briefing must R.S.V.P. no later than 8 a.m., Tuesday, October 13.** On the day of the briefing, media must meet at the MCAS Main Gate on Avenue 3E **no later than 4:30 p.m.** A Public Affairs Marine will escort you from the gate to the briefing and back.

**Media who wish to attend the exercise in Yuma, October 16, must R.S.V.P. for this event no later than noon, October 15.** Those attending will be provided with additional coordinating instructions at least 24 hours prior to the exercise, to include the start and end times of the exercise. Those attending are asked to meet outside of the entrance of the gate at **Kiwanis Park for check-in at 3:30 p.m.** with an official government issued I.D. A Public Affairs Marine will escort you at all times while inside the gate.

**Contact the MCAS Yuma Public Affairs Office at [Yuma\\_PAO@usmc.mil](mailto:Yuma_PAO@usmc.mil) to reserve your seat. Please include name of organization and the names and phone numbers of media representatives attending.**

Still and video products of the NEO exercise and WTI are available at:  
<https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/MCASYumaComCam>